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SUB: PRESS REACTION TO OAU RECOGNITION OF MPLA

1. BOTH GOVERNMENT OWNED DAILIES COMMENTED FEB 12 ON OAU RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA.

2. DAILY GRAPHIC IN SHORT EDITORIAL WAS, IN COMPARISON, RESERVED. IT WELCOMED ACTION AS QUOTE LOGICAL OUTCOME OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECTACULAR VICTORIES OF MPLA FORCES OVER FASCIST SOUTH AFRICAN

BACKED FORCES OF UNITA AND FNLA UNQUOTE. IT ALSO CALLED FOR FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE BY OTHER OAU STATES, PRAISING GUINEA FOR SENDING TROOPS. AND CONCLUDED THAT WESTERN POWERS MUST NOW DECIDE WHETHER GOOD WILL OF ALL AFRICA IS MORE VALUABLE THAN FRIENDSHIP AND TRADE OF SOUTH AFRICA. NEITHER SOVIETS NOR CUBANS MENTIONED.

3. GHANAIAI TIMES, HOWEVER, TOOK STRONG POSITION AGAINST U.S. AND EST AND WAS FULLSOME IN PRAISE OF USSR AND CUBA. QUOTE NEW AFRICAN STATES UNDERSTAND THAT AFRICAN SOLUTION TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS CANNOT BE FOUND FROM IMPERIALIST AND NEO-COLONIALIST ADVISERS UNQUOTE. QUOTE BUT FOR THE TIMELY MILITARY SUPPORT OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA, AFRICA WOULD HAVE LOST AN EMERGING STATE TO NEO-COLONIALIST FORCES SPEARHEADED BY SOUTH AFRICA AND NURTURED BY THE AMERICAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY UNQUOTE. IT CASTIGATES AMERICAN AID TO QUOTE REACTIONARY ANGOLANS UNQUOTE AND SAYS THAT THE QUOTE DAYS OF BRINKMANSHIP ARE OVER UNQUOTE. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH QUOTE COMMUNISM OR NO COMMUNISM. THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA HAVE MADE HISTORY IN ANGOLA WHICH CAN NEVER BE EQUALLED. AFRICAN STATES MUST SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE TO THESE TWO NATIONS AND GIVE THEM A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES UNQUOTE.

4. COMMENT OF TWO DAILIES, TIMES TENDS TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE OUTSPOKEN AND TO TAKE POSITIONS CLOSER TO EASTERN BLOC. BLACK

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